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MEMBER / OFFICER  
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms available to the public as soon as possible after they are received.

1. Name of Traveler: Dennis J. Lucinich
2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): Elizabeth J. Lucinich  
b. Relationship to Member/Officer: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: 6/25/2011 to 7/4/2011  
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): None
4. Itinerary (cities of departure - destination - return): Washington DC - Damascus, Syria  
Damascus - Beirut, Lebanon, Beirut - Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): ACCESS Ohio
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
  - a. ☒ the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
  - b. ☒ the Traveler Form completed by the Member or officer; and
  - c. ☒ the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box): ☒  
b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

9. **TRIP EXPENSES:** Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	2,395.00	\$1,082.00	\$320.00
For accompanying family member:	"	"	"

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	\$100.00	Taxi, tips, incidentals
For accompanying family member:	"	" " "

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER: Dennis J. Kucinich

DATE: 7/14/2011

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6. Describe meetings and events attended:

Meeting with Robert Ford, US Ambassador to Syria, and Staff  
Meeting with Syrian President Bashar al Assad  
Meeting with Syrian Opposition Leader  
Meeting with Dr. Bouthaina Shaaban, Presidential Political and Media Advisor  
Meeting with Maura Connelly, US Ambassador to Lebanon, and Staff  
Meeting with Lebanese President Michel Suleiman  
Meeting with Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati  
Meeting with Nabih Berri, Lebanese Parliament House Speaker  
Meeting with Michel Aoun, Head of Coalition 24 and Member of Parliament  
Meeting with Christian Leader Soleiman Frangi, Block of Coalition for Members of Lebanese Parliament  
Meeting with Emil Lahoud, Former Lebanese President  
Meeting with Dr. Maha Shuman Gebal, NBRC Director of Lebanese Welfare Association for the Handicapped  
Meeting with the Executive Director of Human Rights Watch in Lebanon and Syria

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June 21, 2011

The Honorable Dennis J. Kucinich  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2445 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Syria and Lebanon scheduled for June 25 to July 4, 2011, sponsored by the Arab American Community Center for Economic and Social Services in Ohio (AACCESS-Ohio). Committee Rules require that you submit your complete pre-trip approval request to the Committee at least 14 days before the commencement of the trip. Despite this, we are approving your request but do ask that in the future you adhere to the 14-day requirement.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including attachments. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$350 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$350] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$350 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

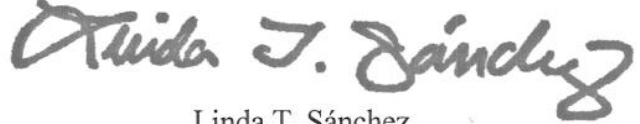
The Honorable Dennis J. Kucinich  
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

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Jo Bonner  
Chairman

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Linda T. Sanchez".

Linda T. Sánchez  
Ranking Member

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## PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

**YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

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Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Dennis J. Kucinich
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): ACCESS Ohio
3. Travel destination(s): Syria + Lebanon
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: June 25 - July 5, 2011  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: Elizabeth Kucinich  
c. Relationship to traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
b. If yes, check one of the following: ☐ N/A - Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)  
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: ☐ or  
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested: ☐  
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box): ☒

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:

I have been consistently involved issues related to settling conflicts in the Middle East.

9. FOR STAFF:  
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Employing Member

NOTE: This page must be submitted with your post-travel disclosure form within 15 days of your return, so you should maintain a photocopy of the completed form for your records.

U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics

**PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM**  
(provide directly to each House invitee)

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers or employees under House Rule XXV, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee.

*Private sponsors are urged to submit this form to each House invitee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. Before completing this form, sponsors are urged to carefully review the Committee's private travel guidelines and advisory memoranda detailing the rules and restrictions for private travel, as well as the instructions for completing this form. Sponsors should call the Committee with any questions prior to submitting the form. Please type form.*

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): ACCESS Ohio
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): Rep. Dennis Kucinich, Elizabeth Kucinich  
invited to attend peace and fact-finding mission.
6. Dates of travel: June 25 - July 5, 2011
7. Cities of departure - destination - return: Washington, D.C. - Syria - Lebanon -  
Washington, D.C.
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (signify "yes" by checking box): ☐
9. I represent that (check one of the following):
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent: ☒ or
  - c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
  - a. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: ☐ or
  - b. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered: ☐If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_



11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: ACCESS Ohio is a constituent of Rep. Kucinich, and members are Syrian and Lebanese-Americans.
13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: ACCESS Ohio's members are Syrian and Lebanese-Americans with interest in peace and the current issues taking place in Syria and Lebanon.
14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (*i.e.*, a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: Coach airfare via commercial flight.
15. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
16. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☒ *or*
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation: ☐
- If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_
17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Issues currently facing Syria & Lebanon - to encourage democracy, co-existence and peace.
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: Damascus Sheraton Hotel, Al Safir - Lebanon
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): Damascus - \$129/night, Lebanon - \$139/night
20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: Proximity to meeting place.

21. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$ 2,195	\$ 1,082	\$ 320
For each accompanying family member	\$ 2,195	\$ 1,082	\$ 320

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$ 100	taxis, tips
For each accompanying family member	\$ 100	taxis, tips

22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒

23. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and title: Sam Khawam, Board Member

Organization: ACCESS Ohio

Address: 11555 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44111

Telephone number: 216-338-4101

Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: khawamsam@gmail.com

The Committee staff may contact the above individual above if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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U.S. House of Representatives  
1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-7103 (phone)  
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

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## Detailed Agenda

Saturday June 25 2011: Travel From Washington DC to Syria

Sunday June 26 2011: Arrive to Syria late PM, Hotel check in and rest

Monday June 27 2011: Meeting with NGO's dinner and restaurant place TBD

Tuesday June 28 2011: Meeting with Political and Human Rights Organization group

Wednesday June 29 2011: Travel to Lebanon arrive PM Hotel check in

Thursday 30 2011: Meeting with NGO's, dinner and restaurant place TBD

Friday July 01 2011: Meeting with political and religious leaders, dinner and restaurant place TBD

Saturday July 02 2011: Country site visit and talk to locals

Sunday July 03 2011: Country Site visit and talk to locals

Monday July 04 2011: Meet with the Lebanese American community and celebrate the American Independence Day.

Tuesday July 05 2011: Leave Lebanon to Washington DC